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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

55/301. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 5 September 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-fifth session consisting of the following Member States: BAHAMAS, CHINA, ECUADOR, GABON, IRELAND, MAURITIUS, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, THAILAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

55/302. Election of the President of the General Assembly[1]

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 5 September 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected Mr. Harri HOLKERI (Finland) President of the General Assembly.

55/303. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees[1]

On 5 September 2000, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings, in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 5 September 2000, the President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees:

First Committee:	U Mya THAN (Myanmar)
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):	Mr. Matia Mulumba SEMAKULA KIWANUKA (Uganda)
Second Committee:	Mr. Alexandru NICULESCU (Romania)
Third Committee:	Mrs. Yvonne GITTENS-JOSEPH (Trinidad and Tobago)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Gert ROSENTHAL (Guatemala)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Mauro POLITI (Italy)

55/304. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly[1]

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 5 September 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected the representatives of the following twenty-one Member States Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: BELARUS, BHUTAN, BURKINA FASO, CHINA, COMOROS, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, GABON, GUINEA, HAITI, KUWAIT, MALDIVES, MOZAMBIQUE, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SURINAME, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UZBEKISTAN and YEMEN.

[1] In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

55/305. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 10 October 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected COLOMBIA, IRELAND, MAURITIUS, NORWAY and SINGAPORE as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, CANADA, MALAYSIA, NAMIBIA and the NETHERLANDS.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: BANGLADESH,* CHINA, COLOMBIA,** FRANCE, IRELAND,** JAMAICA,* MALI,* MAURITIUS,** NORWAY,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SINGAPORE,** TUNISIA,* UKRAINE,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

55/306. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

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At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 12 October 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ANDORRA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, GEORGIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), ITALY, NEPAL, the NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ROMANIA, SOUTH AFRICA, UGANDA and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ALGERIA, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, the COMOROS, INDIA, ITALY, LESOTHO, MAURITIUS, NEW ZEALAND, OMAN, PAKISTAN, POLAND, SAINT LUCIA, SIERRA LEONE, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VIET NAM.

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At its 61st plenary meeting, on 14 November 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected MALTA as a member on the Economic and Social Council for the remaining term of office of GREECE,[2] beginning on 1 January 2001.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ANDORRA,*** ANGOLA,** ARGENTINA,*** AUSTRIA,** BAHRAIN,** BENIN,** BOLIVIA,* BRAZIL,*** BULGARIA,* BURKINA FASO,** CAMEROON,** CANADA,* CHINA,* COSTA RICA,** CROATIA,** CUBA,** CZECH REPUBLIC,* DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,* DENMARK,* EGYPT,*** ETHIOPIA,*** FIJI,** FRANCE,** GEORGIA,*** GERMANY,** GUINEA-BISSAU,* HONDURAS,* INDONESIA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** ITALY,*** JAPAN,** MALTA,** MEXICO,** MOROCCO,* NEPAL,*** NETHERLANDS,*** NIGERIA,*** NORWAY,* PAKISTAN,*** PERU,*** PORTUGAL,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,*** ROMANIA,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* RWANDA,* SAUDI ARABIA,* SOUTH AFRICA,*** SUDAN,** SURINAME,** SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,* UGANDA,*** UNITED

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[2] A/55/523.

KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*** and VENEZUELA.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

55/307. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 16 October 2000, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[3] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected the BAHAMAS, BOTSWANA, FRANCE, MEXICO, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of the BAHAMAS, FRANCE, MEXICO, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UGANDA, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ZAMBIA.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-four Member States: ARGENTINA,** BAHAMAS,*** BANGLADESH,** BENIN,* BOTSWANA,*** BRAZIL,** CAMEROON,** CHINA,* COMOROS,* CUBA,** EGYPT,* FRANCE,*** GABON,** GERMANY,** INDONESIA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),** ITALY,** JAPAN,* MAURITANIA,** MEXICO,*** PAKISTAN,** PERU,** POLAND,** PORTUGAL,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SAN MARINO,** UKRAINE,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,*** URUGUAY* and ZIMBABWE.**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

55/308. Election of seventeen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 16 October 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with section II, paragraphs 1 to 3, of its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, as amended by paragraph 8 of its resolution 3108 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973 and by paragraph 10 (*b*) of its resolution 31/99 of 15 December 1976, held an election to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CAMEROON, CHINA, EGYPT, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, JAPAN, MEXICO, NIGERIA, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SINGAPORE and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN and NORTHERN IRELAND. The General Assembly elected BENIN, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, CANADA, CHINA, FRANCE, GERMANY, JAPAN, MEXICO, MOROCCO, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, RWANDA, SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SWEDEN, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND as members of the

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[3] See Economic and Social Council decision 2000/201 C; see also A/55/379.

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term of office beginning on 25 June 2001.

As a result, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law is composed of the following Member States: ARGENTINA,*** AUSTRIA,* BENIN,** BRAZIL,** BURKINA FASO,* CAMEROON,** CANADA,** CHINA,** COLOMBIA,* FIJI,* FRANCE,** GERMANY,** HONDURAS,* HUNGARY,* INDIA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* ITALY,* JAPAN,** KENYA,* LITHUANIA,* MEXICO,** MOROCCO,** PARAGUAY,* ROMANIA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** RWANDA,** SIERRA LEONE,** SINGAPORE,** SPAIN,* SUDAN,* SWEDEN,** THAILAND,* THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA,** UGANDA,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* and URUGUAY.****

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* Term of office expires on the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2004.

** Term of office expires on the last day prior to the beginning of the fortieth session of the Commission, in 2007.

*** Term of office of Argentina: from 1 June 1998 to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-second session of the Commission, in 1999; from the beginning of the thirty-third session of the Commission, in 2000, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, in 2001; and from the beginning of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, in 2002, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, in 2003.

**** Term of office of Uruguay: from the beginning of the thirty-second session of the Commission, in 1999, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-third session of the Commission, in 2000; from the beginning of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, in 2001, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, in 2002; and from the beginning of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission, in 2003, to the last day prior to the beginning of the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2004.

55/309. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

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At its 34th plenary meeting, on 16 October 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[4] appointed Mr. WU Gang as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 16 October 2000 and ending on 31 December 2002.

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At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 6 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[5] appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Petru Dumitriu, Mr. Chinmaya Gharekhan, Mr. Ihor V. Humenny, Mr. Gebhard Benjamin Kandanga, Mr. David A. Leis and Mr. Kazuo Watanabe. The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[5] also appointed Mr. Henry S. Fox to fill the remainder of a three-year term of office expiring on 31 December 2001.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Pieter Johannes BIERMA (*Netherlands*),* Mr. Uldis BLUKIS (*Latvia*),* Mr. Petru DUMITRIU *(Romania)*,*** Mr. Paul EKORONG A NDONG (*Cameroon*),* Mr. Henry S. FOX (*Australia*),* Mr. Chinmaya GHAREKHAN *(India)*,*** Mr. Bernardo GREIVER (*Uruguay*),**** Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR NETTO (*Brazil*),** Mr. Henry HANSON-HALL (*Ghana*),* Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY

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[4] A/55/424.

[5] A/55/424/Add.1, paras. 5 and 6.

(*Ukraine*),*** Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (*Argentina*),***** Mr. Gebhard Benjamin KANDANGA (*Namibia*),*** Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Sergei I. MAREYEV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Angel MARRÓN (*Spain*),** Mr. Hae-Yun PARK (*Republic of Korea*),** Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*),** Mr. Kazuo WATANABE (*Japan*)*** and Mr. WU Gang (*China*).******

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

**** Term of office is from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001.

***** Term of office is from 1 January to 31 December 1999 and from 1 January to 31 December 2001.

****** Term of office is from 16 October 2000 to 31 December 2002.

55/310. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 26 October 2000, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[6] elected Mr. Ruud Lubbers as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 2001.

55/311. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 29 November 2000, the General Assembly took note of the appointment by its President of CROATIA, JAMAICA, KAZAKHSTAN, NAMIBIA and the NETHERLANDS as members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001.

55/312. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 6 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Andrzej T. Abraszewski, Mr. Manlan Narcisse Ahounou, Mr. Felipe Mabilangan, Mr. E. Besley Maycock and Mr. C. S. M. Mselle.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej T. ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*),*** Mr. Manlan Narcisse AHOUNOU (*Côte d'Ivoire*),*** Mr. Gérard BIRAUD (*France*),** Ms. Norma GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (*Cuba*),** Ms. Nazareth A. INCERA (*Costa Rica*),* Mr. Ahmad KAMAL (*Pakistan*),* Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (*Russian Federation*),** Mr. Felipe MABILANGAN (*Philippines*),*** Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),*** Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (*United Republic of Tanzania*),*** Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),* Ms. Susan M. SHEAROUSE (*United States of America*),** Mr. Juichi TAKAHARA (*Japan*),*

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[6] A/55/519.

[7] A/55/652, para. 11.

Mr. Roger TCHOUNGUI (*Cameroon*),** Mr. Nicholas A. THORNE (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*)* and Mr. Giovanni Luigi VALENZA (*Italy*).*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

55/313. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 6 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] appointed the First President of the Court of Accounts of FRANCE as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2001.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: First President of the Court of Accounts of FRANCE,**** Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the PHILIPPINES,** Auditor-General of SOUTH AFRICA*** and Comptroller and Auditor General of the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.*

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* Term of office expires on 30 June 2001.

** Term of office expires on 30 June 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2003.

**** Term of office begins on 1 July 2001 and expires on 30 June 2004.

55/314. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 6 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, [9] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Ahmad Abdullatif, Mr. Fernando G. Chico Pardo and Mr. J. Y. Pillay.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Ahmad ABDULLATIF (*Saudi Arabia*),*** Ms. Francine J. BOVICH (*United States of America*),** Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),*** Mr. Takeshi OHTA (*Japan*),** Mr. Yves OLTRAMARE (*Switzerland*),* Mr. Emmanuel Noi OMABOE (*Ghana*),* Mr. J. Y. PILLAY (*Singapore*),*** Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*)* and Mr. Peter STORMONTH-DARLING (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

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[8] A/55/653 and Corr.1, para. 5.

[9] A/55/654, para. 5.

55/315. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 6 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[10] appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Omer Yousif Bireedo, Mr. Spyridon Flogaitis and Ms. Brigitte Stern.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),** Mr. Omer Yousif BIREEDO *(Sudan)*,*** Ms. Marsha A. ECHOLS (*United States of America*),* Mr. Spyridon FLOGAITIS *(Greece)*,*** Mr. Mayer GABAY (*Israel*),** Mr. Kevin HAUGH (*Ireland*)* and Ms. Brigitte STERN *(France)*.***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

55/316. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 6 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[11] appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Alexei L. Fedotov, Mr. Asda Jayanama, Mr. Ernest Rusita, Mr. C. M. Shafi Sami, Mr. El Hassane Zahid.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),** Chairman; Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*),** Vice-Chairman; Mr. Mario BETTATI (*France*),* Mrs. Turkia DADDAH (*Mauritania*),** Mr. Alexei L. FEDOTOV (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Asda JAYANAMA (*Thailand*),*** Mr. João Augusto de MEDICIS (*Brazil*),* Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),* Mr. Ernest RUSITA (*Uganda*),*** Mr. C. M. Shafi SAMI (*Bangladesh*),*** Mr. José R. SANCHÍS MUÑOZ (*Argentina*),** Mr. Alexis STEPHANOU (*Greece*),* Mr. Wolfgang STÖCKL (*Germany*),** Mr. Ku TASHIRO (*Japan*)** and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

55/317. Appointment of members of the Committee on Information

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[12] appointed ARMENIA and the LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA as members of the Committee on Information.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following ninety-seven Member States: ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, BANGLADESH,

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[10] A/55/655, para. 5.

[11] See A/55/656.

[12] A/55/573, para. 11.

BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, LIBERIA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MALTA, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, VIETNAM, YEMEN, YUGOSLAVIA and ZIMBABWE.

55/318. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, of ARGENTINA, BENIN, FINLAND, KYRGYZSTAN, LITHUANIA, PERU and SIERRA LEONE as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, the BAHAMAS, BELGIUM, BENIN, GEORGIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN and LESOTHO.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: ALGERIA,* ARGENTINA,*** AUSTRIA,* BENIN,*** CHILE,** EQUATORIAL GUINEA,** FINLAND,*** FRANCE,** JAMAICA,* JAPAN,** JORDAN,* KENYA,* KYRGYZSTAN,*** LITHUANIA,*** NAMIBIA,** NEPAL,* PERU,*** PHILIPPINES,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SIERRA LEONE*** and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

55/319. Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[13] appointed the following persons as members or alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (*Japan*), Ms. Valeria María GONZÁLEZ POSSE (*Argentina*), Mr. Riaz HAMIDULLAH (*Bangladesh*), Mr. Gerhard KUNTZLE (*Germany*), Mr. Lovemore MAZEMO (*Zimbabwe*), Ms. Susan McLURG (*United States of America*), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda OWADE (*Kenya*) and Mr. Victor V. VISLYKH (*Russian Federation*).

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[13] A/55/699, para. 5.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

55/401. Organization of the fifty-fifth session

At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[14] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the fifty-fifth session.

55/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[15] adopted the agenda[16] and the allocation of agenda items[17] for the fifty-fifth session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[18] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[19] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 28 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[20] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its second report,[21] decided that agenda item 105, entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice", should also be considered directly in plenary meeting.

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 17 October 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[22] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[23] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[24] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[25] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly" and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

55/403. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-fifth session

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At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 5 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[26] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Population Fund and the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine

[14] A/55/250 and Corr. 1, paras. 5–44.

[15] Ibid., paras. 63–72.

[16] A/55/251.

[17] A/55/252.

[18] A/55/250 and Corr. 1, para. 51.

[19] Ibid., para. 52.

[20] A/55/250/Add.1, para. 1.

[21] Ibid., para. 2.

[22] A/55/250/Add.2, para. 1.

[23] Ibid., para. 2.

[24] Ibid., para. 3.

[25] A/55/250/Add.3.

[26] A/55/312.

Refugees in the Near East should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-fifth session.

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At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences[26] and the General Committee,[27] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-fifth session.

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At its 39th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[28] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-fifth session.

55/404. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 28 September 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[29]

55/405. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 16 October 2000, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[30]

55/406. Report of the Security Council

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 19 October 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[31]

55/407. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 26 October 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[32]

55/408. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 30 October 2000, the General Assembly decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization".

55/410. Observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

At its 61st plenary meeting, on 14 November 2000, the General Assembly took note of the letter dated 28 August 2000 from the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples addressed to the Secretary-General,[33] and decided to hold a plenary meeting during the main part of its fifty-fifth session in observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration.

55/411. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2000, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

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[27] A/55/250 and Corr.1, para. 44.

[28] A/55/312/Add.1.

[29] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/55/1).

[30] A/55/366.

[31] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 2* (A/55/2).

[32] Ibid., *Supplement No. 4* (A/55/4).

[33] A/55/337.

55/412. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2000, the General Assembly took note of the fifth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[34]

55/413. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2000, the General Assembly took note of the seventh annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[35]

55/430. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2000, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

[34] See A/55/435-S/2000/927.

[35] See A/55/273-S/2000/777.

55/431. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2000, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

55/432. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2000, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

55/433. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2000, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

55/434. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 14 December 2000, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

55/435. The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2000, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session.

55/450. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly took note of chapters I to VI, VII (sections A to C), VIII and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[36]

55/458. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2000, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its fifty-fifth session:

Item 10: Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

Item 11: Report of the Security Council

Item 14: Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

Item 17: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Item 19: Admission of new Members to the United Nations

Item 20: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

Item 26: Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Item 40: The situation in the Middle East

Item 41: Question of Palestine

Item 42: Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children

Item 43: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 45: The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 46: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Item 48: The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Item 50: Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

Item 59: Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 60: United Nations reform: measures and proposals

Item 61: Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 62: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 63: Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

Item 64: Question of Cyprus

Item 73: General and complete disarmament

Item 84: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Item 86: Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Item 94: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Item 97: Training and research

Item 102: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Item 105: Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 112: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Item 114: Human rights questions

Item 115: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 116: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 117: Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

Item 118: Programme planning

Item 119: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 120: Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Item 121: Pattern of conferences

Item 122: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 123: Human resources management

Item 124: United Nations common system

Item 125: United Nations pension system

Item 126: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

[36] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/55/3/Rev.1).

Item 127: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 128: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 130: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Item 132: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 137: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 139: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 142: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 143: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 144: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 145: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 146: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 147: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 148: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 149: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 150: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 151: Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

Item 152: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 153: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 164: Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Item 166: Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 167: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 168: Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999

Item 169: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 175: The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict

Item 176: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Item 178: Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 179: Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects

Item 181: Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

Item 182: Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

55/414. Reduction of military budgets

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[37]

55/415. Small arms

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 20 November 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[38] and recalling its resolutions 50/70 B of 12 December 1995, 52/38 J of 9 December 1997, 53/77 E of 4 December 1998 and 54/54 V of 15 December 1999 decided:

(*a*) To convene the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, in New York, from 9 to 20 July 2001;

(*b*) To convene the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, in New York, from 19 to 30 March 2001;

(*c*) To include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Small arms".

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

55/425. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[12] decided to increase the number of members of the Committee on Information from ninety-five to ninety-seven.[39]

55/426. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[40] adopted the following text by a recorded vote of 100 to 47, with 5 abstentions:[41]

> "1. The General Assembly, having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to an item on the agenda of the Special Committee entitled 'Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration',[42] and recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to military activities in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, reaffirms its strong conviction that military bases and installations in the Territories concerned could constitute an obstacle to the exercise by the people of those

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[37] A/55/551.

[38] A/55/559, para. 78.

[39] See also decision 55/317.

[40] A/55/575, para. 12.

[41] *In favour*: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Cyprus, Georgia, Micronesia (Federated States of), Samoa, Tonga.

[42] A/55/23 (Part II), chap. VI. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23*.

Territories of their right to self-determination, and reiterates its strong views that existing bases and installations, which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, should be withdrawn.

"2. Aware of the presence of such bases and installations in some of those Territories, the General Assembly urges the administering Powers concerned to continue to take all necessary measures not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States.

"3. The General Assembly reiterates its concern that military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration might run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples concerned, especially their right to self-determination and independence. The Assembly once again calls upon the administering Powers concerned to terminate such activities and to eliminate such military bases in compliance with its relevant resolutions. Alternative sources of livelihood for the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories should be provided.

"4. The General Assembly reiterates that the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories and areas adjacent thereto should not be used for nuclear testing, dumping of nuclear wastes or deployment of nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction.

"5. The General Assembly deplores the continued alienation of land in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in the small island Territories of the Pacific and Caribbean regions, for military installations. The large-scale utilization of local resources for this purpose could adversely affect the economic development of the Territories concerned.

"6. The General Assembly takes note of the decision of some of the administering Powers to close or downsize some of those military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

"7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform world public opinion of those military activities and arrangements in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

"8. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-sixth session."

55/427. Question of Gibraltar

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[43] adopted the following text:

"The General Assembly, recalling its decision 54/423 of 6 December 1999, and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984[44] stipulates, inter alia, the following:

'The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution',

takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hold annual meetings alternately in each capital, the most recent of which was held in London on 10 December 1997, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations."

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

55/437. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[45]

[43] A/55/578, para. 25.

[44] A/39/732, annex.

[45] A/55/579.

55/438. Documents relating to trade and development

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[46] took note of the reports of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-third to twenty-fifth executive sessions and its forty-seventh session.[47]

55/439. Document relating to science and technology for development

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[48] took note of the note by the Secretariat on progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/201.[49]

55/440. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[50]

55/441. Environment and sustainable development

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[51]

55/442. Note by the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the 1990s

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[52] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the 1990s.[53]

55/443. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[54] decided:

(*a*) To express its regret that negotiations could not be completed at the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,[55] held at The Hague from 13 to 25 November 2000, and to call upon all parties to intensify political consultations to reach a successful conclusion at a resumed session;

(*b*) To invite the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session to contribute to the preparation of the ten-year review of the progress achieved in the implementation of Agenda 21[56] and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[57] and to request the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to report to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its tenth session to this end;

(*c*) To request the Secretary-General to make the necessary provisions to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2002–2003 those sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies that the Conference of the Parties may need to convene in that period;

(*d*) To request the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on the work of the Conference of the Parties;

(*e*) To include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind".

55/444. Report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[58] took note of the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[59]

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[46] A/55/579/Add.1, para.12.

[47] See A/55/15 (Parts I–IV). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement, No. 15*.

[48] A/55/579/Add.4, para. 9.

[49] A/55/413.

[50] A/55/581.

[51] A/55/582.

[52] A/55/582/Add.3, para. 3.

[53] A/55/65-E/2000/19.

[54] A/55/582/Add.7, para.7.

[55] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

[56] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex II.

[57] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[58] A/55/583, para. 7.

[59] See A/55/271.

55/445. Report of the high-level panel of experts on information and communication technology

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[60] took note of the report of the high-level panel of experts on information and communication technology.[61]

55/446. Report of the Secretary-General on the high-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[62] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the high-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development.[63]

55/447. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[64] endorsed Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/5 of 25 July 2000, entitled "Decade of Greater Mekong Subregion Development Cooperation, 2000–2009" and drew the attention of the international community to the intensification of economic and social development in the subregion, and encouraged its support thereof.

55/448. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[64] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Chapters I to V, VII (sections A to C and E to H) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2000;[36]

(*b*) Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award.[65]

55/449. Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2001–2002

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[64] in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approved the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2001–2002, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex

Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2001–2002[66]

2001

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[67]

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 (General Assembly resolution 53/201)

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *International trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (General Assembly resolution 54/200)

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 54/199)

[60] A/55/587, para. 15.

[61] See A/55/75-E/2000/55.

[62] A/55/588, para. 10.

[63] A/55/315.

[64] A/55/590, para. 9.

[65] See A/55/419.

[66] The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[67] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2001.

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (General Assembly resolution 55/182)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to initiate the preparatory process for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 55/182)

(b) *International financial system and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development (General Assembly resolution 55/186)

Report of the Secretary-General on analysis undertaken by the United Nations Development Programme of international financial stability as a global public good (General Assembly resolution 55/186)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting information provided by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 55/186)

(c) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fifth session (General Assembly resolution 55/185)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordination of mechanisms on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (General Assembly resolution 55/185)[68]

(d) *External debt crisis and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development (General Assembly resolution 55/184)

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on business and development (General Assembly resolutions 48/180 and 54/204)

Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and illegal transfer of funds and repatriation of such funds to their countries of origin (General Assembly resolution 55/188)

(b) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolution 54/203)

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

(a) *Women in development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 54/210)

(b) *Human resources development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development (General Assembly resolution 54/211)

(c) *High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 55/193

(d) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*

Documentation

No advance documentation requested (see General Assembly resolution 55/190)

[68] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229)[68]

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 997 (XXVII))[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003 (General Assembly resolution 55/196)

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (General Assembly resolution 55/197)[68]

(a) *Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its ninth session (General Assembly resolution 7/191)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests (Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparation for the 2002 summit to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (General Assembly resolution 55/199)

(b) *International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 54/219)[68]

(c) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 55/204

(d) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (General Assembly resolution 55/201)

(e) *Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 55/202

(f) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

Documentation

Report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the Conference of the Parties (General Assembly decision 55/443)

(g) *Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996–2005*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete action being taken for the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy (General Assembly resolution 55/205)

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

(a) *Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations system and addenda (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 53/192 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2000/19 and 2000/20)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in the field of operational activities (General Assembly resolution 53/192 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/20)[68]

(b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation and on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 50/119, 52/205 and 54/226)

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (General Assembly resolution 54/227)

Item 7. *International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues (General Assembly resolution 54/212)

Item 8. *Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/31 and General Assembly resolution 55/209)[68]

Item 9. *Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 55/195)

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162)[68]

Item 10. *Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006)*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (General Assembly resolution 55/210)

Item 11. *Training and research*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution 55/208)

Item 12. *Globalization and interdependence*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (General Assembly resolution 55/212)

Item 13. *Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (General Assembly resolution 55/214)

Report of the Secretary-General on resources available to the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 55/214)

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Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[70]

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *International trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

(b) *Commodities*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 5/183)

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 55/187)

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 50/130)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (General Assembly resolution 55/189)

(a) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General: overview of the challenges and constraints as well as progress made towards achieving the major development goals and objectives adopted by the United Nations during the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 55/190)

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and 55/191)

(c) *Cultural development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on culture and development (General Assembly resolution 55/192)

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003 (General Assembly resolution 55/196)

(a) *Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its tenth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

[69] The programme of work and documentation list for 2002 will be updated in 2001, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

[70] The list of questions and documentation under this item is indicative only of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2002.

(b) *Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (General Assembly resolution 55/203)

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Item 7. *Training and research*

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII) and Assembly decision 52/450)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 55/206)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work, activities and accomplishments of the United Nations System Staff College (General Assembly resolution 55/207)

Item 8. *Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 55/211

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

55/416. Note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 4 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[71] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[72]

55/417. Documents relating to the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 4 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[73] took note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[74] and the report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States.[75]

55/418. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 4 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[76] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.[77]

55/419. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 4 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[78] took note of decision 1(56) of the Committee on

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[71] A/55/595 and Corr.1 and 2, para. 36.

[72] See A/55/271.

[73] A/55/597, para. 26.

[74] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 12* (A/55/12).

[75] A/55/472.

[76] A/55/598, para. 15.

[77] A/55/201.

[78] A/55/600, para. 27.

the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,[79] and decided to refer that decision back to the Committee for further consideration and consultation with States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

55/420. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 4 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[80] took note of the following documents:

Under sub-item 114 (*a*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;[81]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[82]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;[83]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;[84]

(*e*) Note by the Secretary-General on enhancing the long-term effectiveness of the United Nations human rights treaty monitoring system;[85]

Under sub-item 114 (*b*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants;[86]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development;[87]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to development;[88]

(*d*) Note by the Secretariat on human rights and unilateral coercive measures;[89]

Under sub-item 114 (*c*):

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Rwanda;[90]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the periodic report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;[91]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Burundi;[92]

(*d*) Note by the Secretary-General on the human rights situation in southern Lebanon and western Bekaa;[93]

(*e*) Note by the Secretariat on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.[94]

55/421. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 4 December 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[95]

55/422. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 4 December 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[96]

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[79] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 18* (A/55/18), para. 13.

[80] A/55/602, para. 4.

[81] A/55/178.

[82] A/55/204.

[83] A/55/207.

[84] A/55/208.

[85] A/55/313.

[86] A/55/275 and Add.1.

[87] A/55/283.

[88] A/55/302.

[89] A/55/214 and Add.1.

[90] A/55/269.

[91] A/55/282.

[92] A/55/358.

[93] A/55/400.

[94] A/55/318.

[95] A/55/602/Add.4.

[96] A/55/602/Add.5.

55/423. Organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2001–2002

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 4 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[97] and pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approved the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2001–2002, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

Annex I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items of the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed fifteen minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or a sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the respective legislative mandates of those bodies. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. It is recommended that, where possible, draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted separately but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. *The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting* proposals to the General Assembly, should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the work of the Committee, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Item 4. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 5. International drug control

Item 6. Advancement of women

Item 7. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Item 8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

[97] A/55/603, para. 8.

Item 11. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination[98]

Item 12. Right of peoples to self-determination[98]

Item 13. Human rights questions:[99, 100]

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(*e*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon by the Assembly in resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below:[101]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Annual

World social situation

Biennial

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (odd years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

United Nations literacy decade (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2002)

Item 3. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Annual

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (2001)

Item 4. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Combating the criminal misuse of information technologies (2001)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2005)

Item 5. *International drug control*

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

[98] Items 11 and 12 are to be discussed jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

[99] Sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*) are to be discussed jointly.

[100] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) and two statements under sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

[101] References to "odd years" and "even years" refer to calendar years.

international cooperation to counter the world drug problem; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 6. *Advancement of women*

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

United Nations Development Fund for Women

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (2001)

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Biennial

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (2001)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (2002)

Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (2002)

Item 7. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 8. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (2001)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2002)

Item 9. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children and of their sexual exploitation and abuse, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of children working and/or living on the streets; the girl child

Biennial

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 10. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 11. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (2001)

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 12. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Annual

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Item 13. *Human rights questions:*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Report of the Human Rights Committee

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of periodic meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (even years)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Protection of migrants

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Human rights and cultural diversity

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Situation of human rights in Cambodia (2001)

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (2001)

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character (2001)

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (2002)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (even years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2003)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annex II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2001–2002

2001

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation[68]

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (including suggestions and recommendations of the Commission for Social Development on furthering the contribution of volunteering to social development) (General Assembly resolution 55/57, para. 6)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of policies and programmes involving youth (General Assembly resolution 54/120)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (General Assembly resolution 54/121)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission for Social Development on the human rights of persons with disabilities (Economic and Social Council decision 2000/268)

Report of the Secretary-General on a proposal for a United Nations literacy decade: education for all (General Assembly resolution 54/122)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on ways in which Governments and the United Nations system could support volunteering (General Assembly resolution 55/57, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development (General Assembly resolution 54/123)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the appropriate ways and means to observe the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (General Assembly resolution 54/124)[68]

Item 3. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (General Assembly resolution 55/58)

Item 4. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Intergovernmental open-ended expert group: draft terms of reference for the negotiation of an international legal instrument against corruption (General Assembly resolution 55/61)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (General Assembly resolution 55/62)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (General Assembly resolution 55/64)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Combating the criminal misuse of information technologies (General Assembly resolution 55/63)

Item 5. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 47/100 and 55/65)

Item 6. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (General Assembly resolution 54/133)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (General Assembly resolution 54/135)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the problem of violence against women migrant workers (General Assembly resolution 54/138)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolutions 45/124 and 55/70)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 55/69)

Report of the Secretary-General on the critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (General Assembly resolution 55/219)

Item 7. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 55/71)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the full range of tasks of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat (General Assembly resolution 55/71, para. 18)

Item 8. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (General Assembly resolution 54/145)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 55/77, para. 35)

Item 9. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child (General Assembly resolution 55/79)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the impact of armed conflict on children (General Assembly resolution 55/79)

Item 10. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (General Assembly resolution 55/80)

Item 11. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (General Assembly resolution 53/132, para. 29 (*b*))

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and coordination of activities (General Assembly resolution 55/84)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (General Assembly resolution 55/83, para. 23)

Item 12. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the right of peoples to self-determination (General Assembly resolution 55/85)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (General Assembly resolution 55/86)

Item 13. *Human rights questions:*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (General Assembly resolution 55/88)

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex, and 55/89, para. 30)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (General Assembly resolution 55/89, para. 30)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 55/89, para. 29)

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (General Assembly resolution 55/89, para. 30)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 54/157)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (General Assembly resolution 54/162)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (General Assembly resolution 54/164)

Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons concerning the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (General Assembly resolution 54/167)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of

periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (General Assembly resolution 54/173)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 54/176)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (General Assembly resolution 54/180)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (General Assembly resolution 55/102)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (General Assembly resolution 55/104)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role and achievements of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in assisting the Government and people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 55/95)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on religious intolerance concerning the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (General Assembly resolution 55/97)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 55/94)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (General Assembly resolution 55/92)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (General Assembly resolution 55/91)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (General Assembly resolution 55/108)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (General Assembly resolution 55/110)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights in the administration of justice (General Assembly resolution 54/163)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (General Assembly resolution 54/168)

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (General Assembly resolution 55/98)

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character (General Assembly resolution 55/101)

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (General Assembly resolution 55/107)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 55/109)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (General Assembly resolution 55/112)

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (General Assembly resolution 55/113)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (General Assembly resolution 55/117)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (General Assembly resolution 55/114)

Human rights situation in Iraq (General Assembly resolution 55/115)

Situation of human rights in the Sudan (General Assembly resolution 55/116)

Situation of human rights in Haiti (General Assembly resolution 55/118)

Question of human rights in Afghanistan (General Assembly resolution 55/119)

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[68]

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Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up (General Assembly resolution 55/57)

Quinquennial review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

Item 3. *Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing*

Item 4. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 5. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (General Assembly resolution 48/112)

Item 6. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (General Assembly resolution 55/66)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (General Assembly resolution 55/67)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (General Assembly resolution 55/68)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 45/124)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex)[68]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Item 7. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 55/71)[68]

Item 8. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

[102] The programme of work and documentation for 2002 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2001.

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 52/104)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the new international humanitarian order (General Assembly resolution 55/73)

Item 9. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[68]

Item 10. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (General Assembly resolution 55/80)

Item 11. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolutions 2106 A (XX), annex, and 55/81)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 55/81)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 55/81)

Item 12. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Item 13. *Human rights questions:*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolutions 53/138 and 55/90, para. 27)

Reports of periodic meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (General Assembly resolution 55/90, para. 28)

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (General Assembly resolution 260 A (III), annex)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 55/105)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (General Assembly resolution 55/103)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law (General Assembly resolution 55/99)

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions concerning the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (General Assembly resolution 55/111)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights and extreme poverty (General Assembly resolution 55/106)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (General Assembly resolution 55/100)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[68]

55/424. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 4 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[97] took note of chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C and I) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[36]

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

55/409. Programme budget implications of General Assembly resolution 54/283 on the review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 2 November 2000, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee.[103]

55/436. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[104] took note of chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[36]

55/451. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[105] took note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the activities of the Advisory Committee during the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly[106] and requested the Secretary-General to bring the report to the attention of the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the funds and programmes concerned.

55/452. Reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[107]

(*a*) Took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the reform of the procedure for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment;[108]

(*b*) Decided to convene a meeting of the post-Phase V Working Group during the period from 15 to 26 January 2001 to conduct a review of the issues itemized in accordance with Assembly resolutions 54/19 B of 15 June 2000 and 55/229 of 23 December 2000.

55/453. Investigation into the misdirection of contributions made by Member States to the United Nations Environment Programme Trust Fund account

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[109] took note with appreciation of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of contributions made by Member States to the United Nations Environment Programme Trust Fund account.[110]

55/454. Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2001–2002

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[109] and in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approved the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2001–2002 annexed to the present decision.

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[103] A/55/529.

[104] A/55/662, para. 4.

[105] A/55/706, para. 6.

[106] A/55/7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[107] A/55/534/Add.1, para.4.

[108] A/55/650.

[109] A/55/532/Add.1 and Corr.1, para. 18.

[110] See A/55/353.

Annex

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2001–2002

A. Programme of work for 2001

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
2. Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001
3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003
4. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
5. Joint Inspection Unit
6. Pattern of conferences
7. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
8. United Nations common system
9. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
10. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
11. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council
13. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

B. Programme of work for 2002

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003
4. Programme planning
5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
6. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
7. Pattern of conferences
8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
9. Human resources management
10. United Nations common system
11. United Nations pension system
12. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services
13. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
14. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
15. Report of the Economic and Social Council
16. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments.

55/455. Action taken on certain items

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[109] decided that the Fifth Committee should continue its consideration of the following agenda items at the resumed fifty-fifth session of the Assembly:

Item 115: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 116: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 117: Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

Item 119: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 120: Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Item 122: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 123: Human resources management

Item 124: United Nations common system

Item 126: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 127: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 130: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):

(*a*) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

(*b*) Other activities

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

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55/456. Revised estimates of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2000

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[111] took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2000[112] and, with respect to the related recommendations made orally by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[113] authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments not exceeding 856,400 United States dollars for the purpose of implementing the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its substantive session of 2000 for activities approved,[114] and requested the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session in the context of its consideration of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001.

[111] A/55/713, para. 38.

[112] A/C.5/55/25 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[113] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Fifth Committee*, 41st meeting (A/C.5/55/SR.41), and corrigendum.

[114] Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000 and Council decision 2000/311 of 22 November 2000.

55/457. The critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[111]

(*a*) Noted that the adoption of draft resolution VI, contained in paragraph 35 of the report of the Third Committee,[115] would give rise to additional requirements up to 800,000 United States dollars under section 9, Economic and Social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001,[116] on the understanding that the provision of regular budget funds to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women would constitute a one-time exception to the provisions of article VI, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Institute;[117]

(*b*) Decided, in this connection, to advance the Institute up to 800,000 dollars for 2001 pending receipt of voluntary contributions on a one-time, exceptional and emergency basis;

(*c*) Also decided that, if voluntary contributions were insufficient to meet the Institute's requirements for 2001, this advance, less voluntary contributions received, would be considered a one-time only subvention and that the resources utilized under the terms of this subvention would be reported in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001;

(*d*) Emphasized the need for the Institute, as a voluntarily financed programme of the United Nations, to pursue, as a priority activity, the expansion of its donor base, in accordance with the provisions of article VI, paragraph 1, of its own statute.

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55/428. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 12 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[118] decided to resume its consideration of the legal aspects of international economic relations at its fifty-eighth session and to include in the provisional agenda of that session the item entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order".

55/429. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 12 December 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[119] decided to resume its consideration of and defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly[120] until its fifty-sixth session.

[115] A/55/595 and Corr.1 and 2, para. 35. Draft resolution VI was adopted as resolution 55/219.

[116] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/54/6/Rev.1), vols. I–III; ibid., *Supplement No. 6A* (A/54/6/Rev.1/Add.1); and ibid., *Supplement No. 6B* (A/54/6/Rev.1/Add.2).

[117] A/39/511, annex.

[118] A/55/604, para. 6.

[119] A/55/617, para. 8.

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